

NEW BATTLE AT TORREON NEAR

9,000 Federals Believed to Be Preparing to Retake City.

VELASCO'S ARMY SAFE

Commander Escaped With Almost All Troops of Garrison.

MORE SPANIARDS OUSTED

Villa's Commanders in Two Other States Follow His Example.

Reports received yesterday in Washington from Rear Admiral Fletcher indicate that another great battle is impending at Torreon. Gen. Velasco, the Federal commander at that city, is said to have escaped with 5,000 men, and the reinforcements sent by Gen. Huerta, which number more than 4,000 troops, are about to join him.

These combined forces are expected to attempt to recapture Torreon from the rebels and Pancho Villa will probably have a hard struggle to hold the place.

Villa has decided to deport all Spaniards from rebel territory. Following his order affecting 600 Spanish residents of Torreon, the rebel commanders in the States of San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas have announced that they will expel all Spaniards from cities they have already captured or are about to take.

Washington has no confirmation of this report, but it is admitted that no action on the part of the United States is expected in this matter.

VILLA MAY LOSE TORREON.

Federals Said to Have 9,000 Troops Near City Recently Captured.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—A possible explanation of the insistence of the Huerta government that the contest at Torreon is not yet at an end was received here today in dispatches from Rear Admiral Fletcher. It is now indicated that another conflict is impending which it will be necessary for Villa to win in order to retain possession of Torreon.

According to Admiral Fletcher's reports the Federals placed 5,000 fresh troops within striking distance of Torreon yesterday. These troops approached from the east and are expected to effect a junction with those of Gen. Velasco, who, with about 5,000 men, made toward Saltillo, whence the reinforcements come, upon his evacuation of Torreon last Friday.

It is known that Villa sent a considerable force to pursue Velasco and later joined the pursuing force in person. Nothing has come from Torreon to indicate the result of this expedition beyond the statement that Velasco's retreat was not as disorderly as had been supposed and that he was in a condition to fight any pursuing force which might come up with him. Army officers here believe that he will be found to have taken a strong position there to await the reinforcements now said to have reached the vicinity of Torreon.

The Admiral's information is that Gen. Javier de Mouri left San Pedro de las Colonias, a town about twenty-five miles east of Torreon, for the latter city on Saturday last with 4,000 Federals and provisions for thirty days. He is now said to be in the vicinity of Torreon. His arrival near Torreon is reported by Admiral Fletcher to have been simultaneous with the arrival of Gen. Mass with 1,700 Federals at San Pedro. Seven trainloads of Federals are also reported en route to San Pedro.

If these reports are correct the Federals now have near Torreon a total of more than 9,000 men with more on the way from the east.

Great Conflict Impending.

It is assumed that Gen. Velasco, finding himself being driven from his positions in the city of Torreon, concluded it was better to withdraw and attempt a junction with the reinforcements he knew to be on the way rather than let Villa annihilate the Federal forces piecemeal.

The three bodies of Federal troops reported as participating in this movement near Torreon are probably equal to the available forces of Villa in that region. It is regarded as inevitable, if the reports of Federal movements are authentic, that there will be another great conflict just eastward of Torreon. Should Villa prove weaker in this second struggle he will have to retire from Torreon and engage in a second conflict for the city.

The statements emanating from the Huerta Government, both in Mexico city and from its embassy here, are now attributed to the desire of the Federals to prevent news of their operations from reaching Villa through the United States. Last night Charge d'Affaires Algarin issued a statement calling upon the American public not to be misled by rebel reports and insisting that the Federals held the "key to the situation" about Torreon and that the final result of the operations in that region would be satisfactory to the Huerta Government.

VELASCO NOT OVERTAKEN.

Villa and His Commanders Checked in Pursuit.

San Francisco, April 6.—News from the front today indicates that Villa's victory at

REBELS TO ATTACK TAMPICO.

Gen. Commanding Harbor Mounted Within Short Distance.

JUAREZ, April 6.—Reports from Brownsville received by the Constitutionalist Cabinet to-night state that rebels under Pablo Gonzales have succeeded in taking Escuela Monte and Dona Cecilia, three kilometers out from Tampico, and that they have mounted two heavy guns commanding the harbor. As they hold railroad communications, they expect to starve the city into surrender.

DECISION FOR AUTO OWNERS.

Michigan Statute on Chauffeur's Acts Held Invalid.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The United States Supreme Court held to-day in an opinion by the Chief Justice that a Michigan statute making automobile owners liable for damages resulting from the operation of their cars whether the chauffeur operating the car be acting directly for the owner or not was unconstitutional.

ASTOR SETTLES DAMAGE SUIT.

Motorcyclist Gets \$3,100, Instead of \$10,000 Sued For.

WHITE PLAINS, April 6.—The trial of the suit for \$10,000 damages brought against Vincent Astor by Charles E. Palmer, a telephone lineman of Irvington, who alleges Mr. Astor ran him down with his auto, came to a sudden halt before Justice Keogh this morning and was finally settled without the jury's aid.

Mr. Astor did not want to appear in court as he was busy preparing for his coming wedding. His attorney agreed to settle with Palmer for \$3,100, and then Justice Keogh dismissed the jury.

Palmer was riding a motorcycle at the time of the accident and several of his ribs were broken.

THREE KILLED WHEN ELEVATOR RUNS WILD

Drops Five Stories, Then Starts Back and Passengers Are Panic Stricken.

Three factory workers, two women and a man, were killed yesterday not because the elevator in a factory building at 126-128 Crosby street, between Prince and Houston, dropped five stories to the basement but because for some reason unexplained it shot up again. No one was injured in the fall beyond a shaking up. No one would have been injured had not the unaccountable action of the elevator thrown its occupants into a panic and caused a wild scramble to get out when it passed a half open gate on the third floor on the upward trip.

Those who were killed forced back the door of the elevator and made a leap for the opening. They struck the half open gate and dropped through the elevator shaft.

The Dead.

ANSELMO, ROSARIA, 18 years old, 12 Delancey street, a shirtwaist operator employed by Solomon Novak & Co., on the seventh floor.

DELANNO, MRS. NICOLETTA, 43 years old, 54 Macdougall street, an operator, also employed by Novak & Co.

GALLIANA, S., about 24 years old, address unknown. Identified only by pay envelope.

Three women and the elevator boy who jumped with them cleared the top of the half gate, and landed safe on the floor. Eleven passengers who stayed in the elevator were carried up to the seventh floor, where the elevator stopped again. They were not hurt.

The accident happened at 6 o'clock, while the elevators were crowded by the workers who had finished for the day. Thomas Clarke, 22 years old, 47 624 Columbus avenue, the elevator boy, had half filled his car at the top floor, the tenth, and wholly filled it at the seventh.

There was a signal for him to stop at the fifth floor. He tried to, but the car continued to drop, although slowly. The passengers, more than half of whom were women, did not get unduly excited until the car struck the bumpers at the bottom of the pit, and then began to go up. This alarmed the women, who screamed and tried to pull at the gates.

Make Fatal Jump.

Clarke was pulled away from his cable, and the hysterical women near the telescope gate managed to open it. This was at a point just above the third floor. When the half gate of the third floor came into sight the women thought they saw a chance for safety if they could jump over the gate.

The two women and the man who were killed jumped too soon; they struck the gate, the elevator ascended and they dropped into the pit.

Three other women also jumped at the third floor and two of them pulled Clarke with them, he said later. They cleared the gate and landed safely on the floor.

Coroner Hellen, who investigated, found the cable off the guide wheel in the engine room. He was not sure whether this caused the accident, and he ordered the elevator shaft sealed so that experts from the Building Department may inspect it this morning. Clarke was arrested by the police and paroled by the Coroner.

FATHER OF TWINS A SUICIDE.

Burden of a Large Family Too Heavy for a Blacksmith.

WILLIAMSON, Conn., April 6.—Twins arrived Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gustave R. Nelson of 18 Carri street, and several hours later the husband and father was found hanging from a gas tube in his mouth. Efforts to resuscitate him were futile, as he had crawled under the bedclothes and covered his head, so that the gas gave its full effect.

Nelson, who was a blacksmith, owned the house in which he lived. His wife and four other children have been sick much of the time and Nelson was discouraged by the sight of suffering, which he could not relieve, and by the burden of expense beyond his means.

BABY WON'T LET HER OBEY COURT'S ORDER

So Mrs. Gallo Goes to Jail, Accused of Contempt.

INFANT SHARES HER CELL

Littlest Gallo Appeared Just as Legal Summons Arrived.

An unhappy Italian mother has went in Ludlow street jail since Saturday while she nursed her newborn babe and grieved over the plight of five children at home. She is imprisoned for contempt of court, but the coming of the new baby was the reason she could not take the time to go before a City Court Judge and explain why she hadn't turned her savings bank book over to the lawyers for a creditor.

The law's complexities, miserable puzzles to the mother, have held her in jail despite the efforts of Sheriff Griffenhagen to free her and send her home to the children and the husband, who need her.

Judge Lynch couldn't act, he said last night, without the consent of the creditors' lawyers, and the lawyers declined to say the word that would free her. But a good hearted Sheriff and his deputies remembered a lot of things yesterday that would cheer a woman who has just come through the perils of motherhood only to be hurried to prison.

The prisoner for debt is Mrs. Giachina Gallo, whose home, with her husband and six children, is in a tenement house at 244 East Forty-fourth street. Gallo is a bootblack who has no easy time making both ends meet. When it became evident that there was to be another little Gallo the mother made up her mind to help in earning money. Six little Italians or six little anybody are something of an expense, even in tenement houses.

Money in Rome Bank.

On her own responsibility, it appears, Mrs. Gallo a few months ago agreed to buy a fruit stand from Mrs. DiBonna Saveria and Ignazio Stabile. She paid something down and kept the payments going, but she couldn't add \$188 that was necessary to free her from debt. She was sued. Judgment was obtained. She was examined in supplementary proceedings. She admitted that she had \$400 in a bank in Rome, but when she was ordered to turn her bankbook over to Campbell & Boland, attorneys for her creditors, the order for some reason was not obeyed.

It is known now that she was unable to go to court or anywhere else when an order was obtained for her to show cause for withholding the bankbook. Giulia, the eldest of the children, and she is only 8, was looking after the babies and getting meals for the father and doing the household work. Giulia was soon to have a brand new sister. The Judge and the lawyers didn't know all this, and so an order holding Mrs. Gallo in contempt was issued. The order directed that she be kept in jail until she purged herself of contempt.

Deputy Sheriff MacDonald and Zeltner served the order about noon last Saturday. The littlest Gallo had just discovered that she owned a voice and was making an amazing fuss when the deputies arrived. Mrs. Gallo, still weak, was trying to soothe the baby. The deputies couldn't make her understand that the law of the land was sending her to jail because she had been unable to go to court, and finally the deputies, feeling pretty badly themselves, left the tenement and appealed to a law clerk, Mr. Campbell & Boland. The clerk said the order must be obeyed.

Sheriff Tries to Hit Her.

Having no latitude in the matter, the deputies took Mrs. Gallo and the new baby to Ludlow. The mother pleaded for the privilege of taking all of her children to prison with her, but that, of course, couldn't be permitted. Mrs. Gallo cried over her flock and made Giulia promise to take the best care she could of them. Sheriff Griffenhagen's sympathies were warmed instantly when he heard of all this. He asked Judge Lynch to vacate the order, but the Judge said that he couldn't unless Campbell & Boland acquiesced. Then the Sheriff consulted Charles J. Campbell of the firm. Mr. Campbell appeared to be on the verge of consenting, but eventually he said that his firm could do nothing.

"I am only the hired man in this case," he said. "I have asked my clients to come to my office to-morrow morning. Maybe something can be done then. But this woman has \$400 in a bank in Rome. If she would satisfy the judgment against her she would be released. If I consented to her plea now, my clients would think I was unfaithful to their interests."

At the Ludlow street jail last night a keeper said to THE SUN:

"She cried all day, but we gave her a nice supper, told her that things would be all right to-morrow and so she went to sleep."

COINERS CAUGHT AT CRUCIBLE.

Secret Service Men Surprise Gang in Brooklyn Basement.

Two alleged wholesalers of counterfeit coin were arrested in a raid made yesterday afternoon by six secret service agents under the leadership of John J. Henry, chief of the local bureau, in the basement of a tenement house at 6511 Eleventh avenue, Brooklyn.

Though it had taken the secret service men a year to make sure the plant was in this basement there was no lack of material evidence when they did break in. A smoking crucible was on the fire and twenty-six molds were lying about. There were 500 bad quarters too and as many counterfeit dimes. A ladle, still warm, was lying on the floor. Two men were there, the brains of a gang that was all but broken up in 1911. Chief Henry says. They were arrested.

The prisoners are Carmelo Quattrocchi, 24 years old, of 186 Sackett street and Salvatore Riggio, 31, who lives with his wife and one child in the basement where the plant was found. Each was held in a cell of the State of New York Prisoner's Cochrane for examination on April 15.

OPEN CARS DEFY THERMOMETER

Passengers Make Chattering Protest, but Summer Trolleys Stay.

Min. 22. Max. 42.

These were the temperature extremes of yesterday, and in such weather hundreds were compelled to use open surface cars in Brooklyn and Manhattan. The traffic harbingers of spring were out in force on several lines.

The open cars appeared first several days ago and have been run since regardless of temperatures. It isn't a question of thermometer with the Interborough and the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, but of the time of year. About the 1st of April the summer vehicles are put on even if snow is predicted.

One of the incidents of an uncomfortable day for trolley travellers occurred late in the afternoon on a Fourth and Madison avenue car. The thermometer at that time was down to about its lowest ebb, but the open cars were being run regardless.

On one car several persons sat for a time shivering with only the side curtains to protect them from the chilly breeze. Then one, bolder than the rest, protested, and for a few minutes the conductor had an unpleasant time. He explained that it wasn't his fault and that he was only obeying orders in taking out such a car from the barns.

In Brooklyn the dissatisfaction was as great as in Manhattan, but the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company paid just as little attention to protests, and the open cars were running all day. Late at night some of them were taken off.

UNDERWOOD BEATS HOBSON BY 20,000

House Leader Wins Senate Seat in Alabama Democratic Primaries.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 6.—The count of the votes in the Democratic primaries held in Alabama to-day, the nomination meaning the same as election, is progressing slowly because of the length of



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OSCAR UNDERWOOD.

the ballots, but enough is known to assure the choice of Congressman Oscar W. Underwood for the long term United States Senatorship over Congressman Hobson by at least 20,000 majority.

For the term from now until next March there is doubt as to the victory between Frank S. White, Birmingham, and Ray Rushton, Montgomery.

Congressman Taylor, in the First district, is defeated by Oscar L. Gray. W. E. Oliver of Tuscaloosa is winner over William R. Bankhead of Jasper in the Sixth district. Hobson's district, George Huddleston of Birmingham is leading the three other candidates in the Ninth, Underwood's district.

Underwood made a brief visit to voting places in Greater Birmingham this morning.

He received an ovation at each place. Mr. Underwood got a position in the long line at his home box, but did not vote for himself or for Mr. Hobson.

The gubernatorial contest is close between ex-Gov. B. B. Comer and Commissioner of Agriculture Reuben F. Kolb. Charles Henderson, State Railroad Commissioner, and Lieut.-Gov. Walter D. Seed are in the race also.

TENSION SO TENSE IT BURST.

Cannon of Nationalist Volunteers Exploded, Shattering Windows.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

London, April 6.—As an instance of the tension in Ulster it is reported that the Nationalist Volunteers of Ulster believed on the night of April 3 that they were about to be attacked.

They loaded a cannon with black powder with the idea of raising an alarm and fired it. The cannon burst and shattered many windows. Several persons had narrow escapes from injury by flying fragments.

It is said that there is constant fear that some trifling incident will cause an outbreak and the police and troops are kept in readiness for instant action.

ULSTER RIOT IN PITTSBURGH.

Home Rule Argument Starts a Battle in Which 200 Participate.

PITTSBURGH, April 6.—Fighting despatched to-night home rulers and anti-home rulers in the Woods Run district engaged in a riot which resulted in 200 participants.

MOROSINI "SIEGE" IS LIKE COMIC OPERA

Wary Detectives Invent Pass-words Even to Ascend Stairways.

"SHADOW" ALL VISITORS

Search in Vain for Ragtime Record for Phonograph to Cheer Vigil.

It was like a rehearsal for a side splitting comic opera yesterday at Elmhurst, the Riverside home of Mrs. Giulia Morosini Werner. At all portals were detectives, who barred the way for all comers and then "shadowed" the visitors they turned away.

Upon the grounds and inside the house were other detectives—twenty of them.

Werner, the barred out husband, who was a mounted policeman before he married the banker's daughter, made no attempt yesterday to visit the house and get his personal belongings.

The detectives have not attempted seriously to feed the chickens or manure the palms in the big conservatory, but have spent most of their time smoking, drinking highballs and trying to find a ragtime record for the phonograph. Although there are more than 200 records, there is nothing nearer ragtime than Mendelssohn's "Spring Song."

One of the comic opera episodes of the "siege"—Werner is responsible for calling the affair "comic opera stuff"—is the use of passwords in the house to go from one floor to another, or even to certain rooms.

You can't go upstairs unless you remember the password selected by the boss detective, or "superintendent of the estate." This has brought the routine of housekeeping to a standstill more than once.

The Burns detectives who are in charge have orders to admit Werner if he comes to get his clothing, jewelry and letters. Werner, who has dropped out of sight in New York city, said through his lawyer, Henry S. Dottenheim, of 15 William street, that he had no intention of visiting Elmhurst after having once been barred from the house.

No legal steps have yet been taken by Mrs. Werner to get a divorce from her husband or to attempt to annul her marriage by showing that the divorce secured by Werner's first wife, Mrs. Alice Redding, is invalid.

"Spies" Hastened Departure.

Mrs. Werner's departure from Elmhurst, it was said yesterday, was hastened by the discovery that she had been spied upon and that even her private telephone conversations had been overheard.

Detectives searching the grounds have found that the telephone wires back of the house have been cut in the past so that some one could "listen in" on messages.

Mr. Dottenheim, for Werner, and Joseph P. Cotton, Jr., of 14 Wall street, attorney for Mrs. Werner, held a long conversation yesterday in an effort to adjust the affairs of husband and wife. Not much headway was made. Mr. Cotton declined to disclose Mrs. Werner's intentions toward her husband, except that she would refuse to see him again and would continue to bar him from Elmhurst.

Burns detectives almost filled a cafe in Yonkers all day looking for a woman who, Mrs. Werner's friends asserted, Werner had been accustomed to meet. It was also said that a witness had been found who would swear that Werner had, since his second marriage, met his first wife in New Rochelle.

Mrs. Werner's friends said that at these visits to New Rochelle Werner went under the name of King and was described as "a brother-in-law of Mrs. Redding," his first wife.

Tell of Telephone Record.

They also said that Mrs. Werner had a record of two telephone calls by her husband on Friday night last. The calls were to a private number in the Riverside neighborhood, which is said to be that of Mrs. Redding's apartment at 838 West End avenue.

Werner's lawyer, Mr. Dottenheim, again declared that Werner had not seen his first wife since their divorce, and that the divorce was secured in Nevada in 1910 was without a loophole of any sort.

It was said yesterday that the present trouble grew out of a violent quarrel between the Werners several months ago, in which Mrs. Werner appealed to two servants for help. These men were expected to help her, but they were expected to decline to interfere. Mrs. Werner concluded that they and most of the other servants were in league with her husband against her. She had also been seriously injured over bills for \$250, \$500 and other large sums which had been coming in and of which she knew nothing. Most of them were ostensibly for motor repairs.

The combination of money drains and domestic quarrels terrified her. She took counsel with her friends, it was said, and did not act to bar her husband until after long reflection.

TO DESIGN VANDERBILT HOUSE.

California Engaged to Replace Burned Long Island Residence.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., who was Virginia Fair, has engaged a California architect to build a \$250,000 residence on her Long Island estate. He is Lewis P. Holbert of San Francisco.

The new house will replace the one recently burned. Mrs. Vanderbilt retained Holbert because of her admiration of a residence designed by him in San Francisco.

MINERS' CANDIDATE DEFEATED.

Regular Tickets Win in Calumet Strike District.

CALUMET, Mich., April 6.—A bitter fight was waged by the candidates of the Western Federation of Miners to-day against the candidates on the regular tickets for township offices in the strike districts of Houghton and Keweenaw townships, but the regular tickets won by a vote of 5 to 1.

At Calumet James MacNaughton, general manager of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company, was re-elected supervisor by a ten to one vote. In only one precinct at Copper City did the federation Socialist commission win. In Allouez township of Keweenaw Russell Smith, manager of the Amesek Mining Company, who was running for supervisor, was the only regular candidate elected.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR ILL.

He Caught Cold Saying Farewell to the Kaiser Recently.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

VIENNA, April 6.—Emperor Francis Joseph is ill and has postponed his projected visit to his daughter, the Archduchess Marie Valerie, at the chateau of her husband, Archduke Francis Salvador, at Wallsee.

It is understood the aged Emperor caught cold while saying farewell to the Kaiser during the latter's recent visit while on his way to Corfu. It is said that the illness of the Emperor is a trivial matter.

CHUMS FIND BOY DEAD UNDER STEPS OF HOME

Three-year-old Lad Broke Neck While Waiting for Mother.

Mrs. Patrick Grey of 306 St. Ann's avenue, The Bronx, got her three little children ready early yesterday afternoon for a romp in St. Mary's Park, Elmhurst, 3 years old, known in the neighborhood as Buster, was ready even before Eleanor, who is 5. So he said he would wait down stairs. Eleanor followed him shortly and not ten minutes later Mrs. Grey came down with Dorothy, 18 months old, in her arms. She found Eleanor looking for Buster, who had disappeared.

At first Mrs. Grey was only annoyed, but when her own efforts and those of Eleanor failed to find her boy she became alarmed. Mother and child, with the neighborhood helping them, searched the vicinity. It was 2 o'clock when they started for the park. At 6 o'clock two of Edmund's playmates found him lying dead under the steps in front of his home.

There is a store on the ground floor of the building and a flight of ten wooden steps leads down to the basement. The space under these steps extends under the sidewalk and there is a grating overhead well in toward the building. The searchers had walked over this grating time and again. They had looked down the flight of steps, had run down them and tried the door of the basement, but not one spied the boy lying on his back underneath the steps, a copy of the Holy Name park near him.

There was space enough for the boy to push himself in between the steps and a detective found a strand of golden hair caught in a splinter on the third step from the top. It is thought that the paper slipped from the boy's hand, was blown under the steps and that he, in trying to recover it, fell through.

Coroner Flynn held an autopsy last night and determined that the boy's neck had been broken when he fell.

PLAYGOERS SEE FATAL FALL.

Boy's Body Drops Among Them at Greeley Square Theatre Entrance.

Theatregoers were thrown into a panic about 8 o'clock last night when the body of a boy dropped upon them as they were entering the Greeley Square Theatre, Sixth avenue and Thirtieth street. The boy, Tony Gifford, 13 years old, a newsboy of 351 West Thirty-ninth street, had jumped upon a glass extension roof over the theatre entrance to get a ball which had lodged there. His neck was broken and he was dead.

Tony had climbed from a window above the glass extension and jumped down. His body crashed through the glass, landing among the theatregoers, twenty feet below.

GUNMEN MAY GET STAY TO-DAY.

Gov. Glynn Studies Papers in Application for Pardon.

ALBANY, April 6.—Gov. Glynn has devoted all his time for the last two days to a study of the papers filed with him in connection with the application for a reprieve of the four gunmen convicted of the murders of Herman Rosenthal.

A reprieve is expected to be handed down to-morrow. The Governor said tonight that he hoped to be able to settle in his own mind whether or not the conviction between the case of Police Lieutenant Becker and the cases of the four gunmen was close enough to warrant a stay of judgment.

HE'S A SECOND STORY HORSE.